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From: Latimer, Becky
Sent: Tuesday, December 17, 2019 9:33 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: 2019-290-WS

Dear Isaiah Felder, Jr.

This is to acknowledge receipt of your Letter of Protest/Comments to the Public Service Commission of South Carolina. Your Letter of Protest/Comments will be placed in the Protest File of the Docket listed below and on the Commission's Website at www.psc.sc.gov.

- Docket No. 2019-290-WS - Application of Blue Granite Water Company for Approval to Adjust Rate Schedules and Increase Rates

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Docket No. 2019-290-WS - Application of Blue Granite Water Company for Approval to Adjust Rate Schedules and Increase Rates <https://dms.psc.sc.gov/Web/Dockets/Detail/117247>

If we may be of further assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,
Becky Latimer



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Date 12/16/2019

Letter of Protest
Docket No.
2019-290-WS

Protestant Information:

Name * Isaiah Felder, Jr.

Mailing Address *

City, State Zip * Irmo, SC

Phone *

E-mail

1. What is your connection or interest in this case? * For example, are you a customer of the Company that is the subject of this pending proceeding? (This section must be completed. Attach additional information if necessary.)

I have been a customer of Carolina Waters/Blue Granite Water Company since 2002. My concern with this company stems from two man holes, one in my front yard and the second in my back yard and the lack of service in maintaining and properly treating the sewer and rodents resulting in an overwhelming amount of bugs invading my home, with specificity in warm weather.

2. Please give a concise statement of your protest. * (This section must be completed. Attach additional information if necessary.)

I oppose any and all issues pertaining to Blue Granite Water Company (BWG) in its entirety in the application at hand (2019-290-WS). To wit:

1. I oppose and object to BWG requests that "the Commission approve the monthly water and sewer service charges set forth in the rate schedules" made a part of its application (Exhibit A) and also, I oppose to its request for approval of "any and all fees and charges contained in these schedules".
2. I oppose BGW's "proposed rate increase...in order that it may provide reasonable and adequate service to its customers, cover its expenses, be permitted an opportunity to earn a reasonable return on its investment, and attract capital for future improvements". In addition, the proposed rates requested by BGW "to allow them to comply with the standards and regulations set by DHEC and other environmental regulatory authorities, to preserve the financial integrity of BGW, promote continued investment in and maintenance of its facilities, and thereby permit Applicant to continue providing reliable and high-quality water and sewer services" should not rest upon the residents in the service area and must be denied. Rather, as any company must ensure adequate financial stability, it is apparent BGW targets residents and homeowners for financial gain and failing to provide services as outlined and the request must be denied.
3. I oppose to the rate increases as there are two sewer manholes in my yard resulting in an excessive amount of rodents and bugs entering my dwelling. After numerous complaints since 2002, the company has failed to provide substantial relief to the problem that must be addressed by DHEC and fines launched against BGW for their negligence.
4. I oppose to the rate increases as they are excessive and would be financial hardships to residents living on a fixed monthly income as well as being denied the basic necessity of living, the need of clean water and sewer to dispose of waste.

3. Do you wish to make an appearance at a hearing in this proceeding, if scheduled, and offer sworn testimony? *

YES.

Signature Required: Isaiah Felder, Jr.